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1. PROF. CHARLES ANDERSON. JOHNS HOPKINS (ERITUS).
COLSPKR, RPO TOKYO. "HENRY JAMES' PORTRAIT OF A LADY",
"ROBERT FROST: SELECTIONS & INTERPRETATIONS" AND "HOW
SHOULD NOVELS END". WS-99.

2. QP-VG; ED-F; AR-VG; RO -G

3. ANDERSON'S PRESENTATIONS WERE WELL ORGANIZED AND WELL
DELIVERED. ALTHOUGH AT ONE SESSION HE READ TOO MUCH
FROM HIS NOTES, HE IS A SMOOTH LECTURER WHO USES
THE LANGUAGE SKILLFULLY AND BRINGS TO HIS SUBJECTS
A RICHNESS AND DEPTH WHICH ESTABLISH HIS
AUTHORITY. HIS FIRST TALK, ON JAMES TO 50
UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE ENGLISH STUDENTS, WAS
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INTERESTING AND INFORMATIVE BUT DUE TO
INSUFFICIENT TIME HE WAS NOT ABLE TO DEVELOP HIS
POINTS FULLY. NO DISCUSSION FOLLOWED BECAUSE
THE HALL HAD TO BE VACATED FOR THE NEXT
CLASS. HIS SECOND, ON FROST TO 27 ENGLISH
TEACHERS AT THE INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION AND HIS

THIRD, TO 16 HONORS STUDENTS AND FOUR FACULTY MEMBERS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE'S ENGLISH DEPARTMENT, WERE ERUDITE AND DELIVERED WITH ENTHUSIASM REFLECTING HIS PERSONAL LIKING FOR THE SUBJECTS. DISCUSSION AT BOTH SESSIONS WAS HOWEVER MINIMAL.

4. ANDERSON LECTURES RELATED TO OUR OBJECTIVE 4. MOST OF AUDIENCES NOT ARS PRIMARY.

5. IN HIS FORMAL PRESENTATIONS AND AT SOCIAL GATHERINGS, ANDERSON PRESENTED AS WELL ROUNDED PICTURE OF AMERICAN LITERATURE. HE HAS A WARM, OUTGOING PERSONALITY WHICH REGISTERES VERY FAVORABLY WITH PEOPLE HE MEETS.
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